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ALGERIA-UAR-CUBA // UAR PRESIDENT NIGER REQUEST

AN EGYPTIAN DIVISION OF 12,000 MEN WILL BE SENT TO ALGERIA AND
AT THE SAME TIME CUBA IS INCREASING ITS AIR TO MEN AGAIN.

A ~~NAME~~ FAIRLY RELIABLE SOURCE KNOWN BY NAME TO BE IN CONTACT WITH US OFFICIALS, CLAIMS NAME TOLD HIM ON 20 OCT HE HAD RECEIVED A PREVIOUS ORDER BARRING EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL FROM COMBAT IN ALGERIA BECAUSE OF AN APPEAL FROM BEN BELLA FOR "TROOPS, WEAPONS AND A MILITARY COMMAND."

SOURCE REPORTED ON 17 OCT THAT NASIR WANTED TO AVOID HEAVY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN CONFLICT AND INTENDED TO WORK FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

PRIOR TO ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE THE CUBAN GOV WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO CREATE A SENSE OF IDENTITY BETWEEN THE CUBANS AND ALGERIANS

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REPORTS.

TWO CUBAN CIVIL AIR TRANSPORTS ARE KNOWN TO BE HAVE LEFT
CUBA FOR ALGERIA ON 21 OCT WITH MORE THAN 200 PASSENGERS AND
CREW. PASSENGERS INCLUDED BIG PILOTS, MECHANICS, AND RADAR
OPERATORS. THE CUBAN CONTINGENT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN MET
BY COMMANDANT ENRIQUE JUAN ALKIDA FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE
CUBAN ARMED FORCES AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF CASTRO. SEVERAL CUBAN
MERCHANT VESSELS REPORTEDLY ARRIVED OR ARE ON ROUTE TO ALGERIAN
PORTS WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TANKS //

2. LEBANON-SYRIA-EGYPT: //THE 19 OCT BORDER INCIDENT IN
WHICH FOUR LEBANESE SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BY A SYRIAN ARMY PATROL
APPARENTLY HAS CONVINCED THE LEBANESE GOVT IT MUST CURTAIL EGYPTIAN
INTEL ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON. LEBANESE AUTHORITIES WHO HERE-
TOFORE HAVE WITNESSED AT SUCH EGYPTIAN OPERATIONS INTO SYRIA FROM
LEBANESE BASES REPORTEDLY PLAN TO ARREST AND EXPEL AS MANY
EGYPTIAN AGENTS AS CAN BE LOCATED AND APPREHENDED.//

3. MOROCCO-ALGERIA: THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER SKIRMISHES
ALONG THE BORDER AND MEDIATION ATTEMPTS APPEAR TO HAVE BOUNDED

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EXPERIENCE WHILE SMOOTHER HAS GONE TO TUNISIA FOR ANOTHER
ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF BOTH THE
MAGASAT AND BEN BULLA TO BRING THEM UNDER CONTROL
ALGERIA IS NOW CALLING FOR AN "EMERGENCY" MEETING OF
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND
SUGGESTED SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN NEW YORK, THE
AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING BOTH
AND ALGERIA HAVE APPRISED THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE
TIGHT, BUT BOTH ARE INCLINED TO KEEP THEIR DISPUTE OUT OF THE CHANNELS
ALGERIANS APPARENTLY ARE ATTEMPTING TO RETAKE HASSI BEIDA AND
TINJOCO, TWO POSTS HELD SINCE 14 OCT BY MOROCCAN FORCES. ALGERIANS
CLAIM TO HAVE RECAPTURED HASSI BEIDA, BUT THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY IN
VIEW OF MOROCCO'S MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THAT AREA. ALONG THE
REST OF THE FRONTIER, FORCES OF EACH SIDE SEEM MERELY CONTINUING
TO IMPROVE POSITIONS.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' ATTITUDE
TOWARD PEACE EFFORTS. MOROCCO IS STILL WILLING TO AGREE TO A CEASE-
FIRE PROVIDED IT RETAINS THE DISPUTED FRONTIER POSTS AND ALGERIA

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AGREES TO NEGOTIATE THE FRONTIER PROBLEMS ACCORDING TO
BAGGEO'S CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WILKINSON
TO SIT DOWN WITH THE MOROCCANS WITHOUT ANY AGREEMENT.

BEN BELLA'S STATEMENT OF 24 OCT THAT THE MASVILLE MOUNTAINS
HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT
CANS IS PROBABLY FALSE. LIMITED ANTI-ALGERIAN GUERRILLA ACTS
ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN THE EASTERN MOUNTAINS. CHARLES DE
REPORT DISEMBELLING IS ALSO WIDESPREAD WITHIN THE ALGERIAN
CAUSE FOR OF ECONOMIC DISORGANIZATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

4. CONGO: THE ARREST OF THE THREE TOP LABOR LEADERS
24 OCT MAY PROVOKE DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISTURBANCES BY 15,000
AND 700.

THE ARRESTS WERE ORDERED BY THE THREE MAN "EMERGENCY COMMITTEE"
HEADED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE ARMY AFTER WHAT APPEARED TO BE
INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO HALT THE STRIKE OF CIVIL
SERVANTS FOR PAY RAISE AND TEACHERS FOR SALARY ADVANCE.

PRESUMABLY THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT THE CONTINUED
OF THE LABOR LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN CALLING FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT

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REPRESENTED A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. THE ARMY DISCLOSED
THAT CERTAIN OFFICIALS FELT THAT POWER HAD BEEN ABUSED AND THAT
THERE WOULD BE A TENDENCY TO REVERT TO A STATE OF ANARCHY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS CURRENTLY DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE
SURGE OF ANTIGOVERNMENT PLOTTING BY ANTI-STATE FORCES WHICH
MIGHT RESULT IN DISORDERS WHICH THE ARMY COULD NOT MAINTAIN
CONTROL. TO MEET THE THREAT, A REGIME OF QUASI-MILITARY
DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER A THREE-PARTY COMMISSION
BY MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND ARMY AND BEING RAISED BY ARMY OFFICERS
GENERAL EMBU.

// THERE ARE SOME 5,000 CONGOLESE GENDARMERIE AND ARMY TROOPS
IN THE LEOPOLDVILLE AREA. // THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT
FOR A SHORT PERIOD IS LIKELY BUT WOULD PROBABLY COLLAPSE IN THE
EXTENDED DISORDERS. 67

// THERE IS ALREADY SOME EVIDENCE THAT ANTIGOVERNMENT LEFT-
WING "NATIONALIST" ELEMENTS HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN INFLUENCING
GENERAL EMBU'S SUPPOSEDLY ELITE AND MOST Loyal PARACHUTE
UNITS. //

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1. INDICATE THAT IN THE AREA OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
INDICATE THAT THE AREA IS NOT BEING USED FOR
ANY OTHER PURPOSES.

NOTE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE UNDER PARLIAMENTARY ISSUE IT OF THE
ASSEMBLY DEPUTY INVOLVED IN CURRENT CASE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT
THE ASSEMBLY PRES. APPLIES ALLOTTED AFFAIR TO CONSIDER IT OF
HARD TO RESOLVE CASE. ON 28 OCT. ANOTHERLY APPROVED PROSECUTION
THE ASSEMBLY DEPUTY.

THESE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF INCREASED ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY
AMONG OTHERS AND ACTIVITIES AMONG LOTS OF UNEMPLOYED IN AREA
ONE REPORT INDICATES LABOR DEMONSTRATION PLANNED COINCIDE WITH
RETURN FROM FOREIGN TOUR DEPARTURE ON 26 OCT.

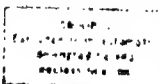
REPORTS OF DEMONSTRATION LEADERS SUGGEST THAT THE AREA
TOP TARGETS OF ARRESTS PROBABLY THE ASSEMBLY PRES. APPLIES ASSEMBLY
VICE PRES. DIRECTOR AND LARGE LEADER FACILITY.

PARLIAMENTARY ORGANIZATION AND ARE BELIEVED CAPABLE HANDLING MINOR
UNREST. SERIOUS DISORDER WOULD CONTRAST WITH WHO HAVE TRIPS
IN AREA WITH PEOPLE LIKE THOSE THEY RECENTLY FACED IN COUNTRIES.

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